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AN

ACCOUNT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS, INTENTIONS, RESOLUTIONS,

AND

PREMIUMS,

OF

THE ESSEX SOCIETY,

For the Encouragement of

AGRICULTURE and INDUSTRY,

INSTITUTED AT

CHELMSFORD,

September 30, 1793.

TO WHICH IS ADDED

THE SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

The VICE PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY,

TO THE

MEMBERS of the GENERAL COMMITTEE,

At their first Meeting, *October* 25, 1793,

AND PUBLISHED AT THEIR PARTICULAR REQUEST;

WITH

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PREFACE.

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THE General Committee of the Eſſex Agricultural Society, eſtabliſhed at *Chelmsford*, on the 30th of September, 1793, have thought proper, to direct the ſeveral Reſolutions paſſed on that day, together with thoſe adopted by themſelves, at two ſubſequent meetings, on the 25th of October, and 25th of November following; which, together, compriſe the whole proceedings of the Society to this period, to be immediately publiſhed.

Much information, indeed, cannot be expected to ariſe from the proceedings of a Society, ſo entirely in a ſtate of infancy as the preſent; but, it is conceived, that from a publication in this form, the Sub-

ſcribers will be better enabled to poſſeſs, at one view, what has hitherto been effected for the advantage of the Inſtitution, than, if the proceedings had been committed, in a looſe, and deſultory manner, to the tranſient exiſtence of a public print.

In all Societies of Men, it ſeems equitable, that the Members ſhould be well apprized of the ſteps purſued, by thoſe, in whom EXECUTIVE CONFIDENCE is repoſed; and more particularly, at the commencement of an Inſtitution, when, the principles of action, like a foundation in architecture, ſhould be carefully inſpected, before the ſuperſtructure is attempted.

A motive ſimilar to this, has induced the General Committee, at this early period of the Society's exiſtence, thus openly to ſubmit to the Subſcribers, the following account of their earlieſt proceeding.

By this, it is hoped, the Inhabitants of the County of Eſſex, and perhaps the Public at large, may become intereſted in the ſucceſs and fate of a Society, originating from motives, confeſſedly pure, and unſordid; and, that they will, in due time, be led to an entire approbation of thoſe principles, which have united a very numerous and reſpectable body of Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Yeomanry, and Farmers, in an undertaking ſo truly meritorious.

January 13, 1794.

SKETCH

OF THE

INSTITUTION.

TO excite, and encourage a Spirit of laudable Emulation, in every virtuous purſuit, is an object, worthy the attention of all intelligent Members of Society.

It is this Spirit which actuates perſons of every deſcription in life, to works of excellence, and comparative ſuperiority.

It is the Parent of honeſt Ambition, and the Soul of great and good Actions.

It calls forth the latent Powers of the Mind, and leads them into uſeful Action.

Without the wiſh to excel, how many would have lived unknown, whoſe ſplendid talents and actions have proved at once

once an honor to themſelves, and, what is of greater import, a laſting benefit to their fellow creatures.

So well, indeed, hath this been underſtood, that the beneficial effects of emulative exertion, have been proportionably experienced, in moſt of the Arts and Sciences. Whence comes it, then, that this Spirit of Emulation ſhould be ſo little felt in the practice of a Science, uniting in itſelf the eſſence of ſo many others? Why have improvements, ſo perceptible in other purſuits, attended that of Agriculture with ſo ſlow a ſtep? To account ſatisfactorily for the neglect of a Science, ſo indiſpenſible to the comfort, and even the very exiſtence of mankind, is no eaſy taſk.

It ſeems at length, however, reſerved to this enlightened period, and in great meaſure to this Country, to reſcue Agriculture from its preſent inactivity, and to help it, with its honeſt, though humble votaries, into notice and eſteem.

Several Societies have of late years been eſtabliſhed in the kingdom for this honor-

able

able purpoſe, whoſe exertions have in many inſtances been attended with the happieſt ſucceſs. The rewards offered by them, have occaſioned a variety of uſeful experiments to be made, with the minuteſt accuracy, which have been repeated with eſſential effect: nor, with the improvement of the Practice, hath the honeſt and induſtrious Labourer been forgotten;—the emulation of the humbler breaſt hath been excited, encouraged, and rewarded.

In imitation of Inſtitutions thus widely beneficial, and not without hopes of ſimilar attendant ſucceſs, a reſpectable meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Yeomanry, and Farmers, of the county of Eſſex, was holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, in *Chelmsford*, on the 30th of September, 1793, and formed into

A SOCIETY

FOR

THE PROMOTING OF AGRICULTURE,

AND

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDUSTRY AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR,

IN SERVANTS AND LABOURERS

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

But

But as it was immediately foreſeen, that in a County of ſuch magnitude, population, and agricultural practice, all idea of confining the ſcope of the Society to one town, however central, would be impracticable; it was determined, for the preſent, to ſub-divide the County into Eight Diviſions, and in each of theſe to eſtabliſh a Diſtrict Committee, which ſhould attend to the intereſts of the Society within its own limits, elect its own officers, form its own rules, examine the pretenſions of claimants in Induſtry and good Behaviour, adjudge rewards to the ſucceſsful, and at ſtated times report its proceedings to the General Committee, at the County Town.

And, in order to enable Diſtrict Committees to act with greater effect, it was agreed, that all premiums offered by the Society for the Encouragement of Induſtry and good Behaviour, in Servants and Labourers in Agriculture, ſhould be adjudged ſolely by them; the General Committee, reſerving to itſelf the adjudication of ſuch premiums only, as regarded the general improvement of the Science at large.

It has alſo been a principle with every Diſtrict Committee hitherto aſſembled, (which will doubtleſs be adopted by the reſt) that all Officers neceſſary to direct the interior management thereof, ſhould be entirely ſelected from the body of reſident Farmers; firſt, becauſe the ſuperior practice and judgment of that claſs of men were conceived moſt proper for the ends propoſed; and ſecondly, becauſe it was preſumed that a confidence, thus candidly repoſed, would be productive of the happieſt effects to the Society in general, by leading the Yeomanry and Tenantry of the County to a right opinion of the unreſerved and honeſt intentions, upon which the Society was founded.

THE CHIEF OF THESE ARE,

FIRST, The eſtabliſhment of an entire and happy confidence between the Landlord and the Tenant.

SECONDLY, The general advantage of the Science itſelf, which, it is truſted, will in due time be effected, by a ſteady attention to the improvement of Live Stock,

as well as of every other branch of operative proceſs.

THIRDLY, The encouragement of Induſtry and good Behaviour in our Agricultural Servants and Labourers, by exciting in them a laudable Spirit of Emulation, not only in what regards the Practice of the Art, but in what is of infinitely higher moment, to themſelves, their families, and to ſociety in general—the Habits of Temperance and Morality.

The Funds of the Society are to ariſe from the annual ſubſcription of Members, which is not to exceed ONE GUINEA, or be leſs than HALF-A-GUINEA; perſons ſubſcribing the former ſum, are entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Members at *Chelmsford*, and may, by ballot, be elected Members of the General Committee; thoſe ſubſcribing the latter, are conſidered as contributing to their reſpective Diſtrict Committees only, and entitled, conſequently, only to vote therein.

Such

Such is the ſhort outline of this infant Society, ſuch the early objects of its preſent attention; — ſucceſs in theſe, will naturally enlarge the ſcale of operation, and open a more extenſive field of beneficial practice, from whence, by a liberal diffuſion of information and knowledge, muſt reſult ſolid and eſſential improvements in Agriculture, firſt Provincial, and progreſſively National.

In the mean time, it is hoped, that all perſons, but particularly thoſe of Agricultural deſcription, in the County of Eſſex, will be induced to patronize the preſent Society, by affording it the aſſiſtance neceſſary to its preſent ſtate of infancy, ſo as to enable it in due time, to attain its great and principal object, —

The IMPROVEMENT of the SCIENCE of AGRICULTURE,
In all its various and extenſive branches.

January 13, 1794.

PROCEEDINGS

AT THE

Shire-Houſe, in *Chelmsford*,

ON FORMING

THE SOCIETY,

Sept. 30, 1793.

AT a meeting holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, this Thirtieth day of September, for forming the plan of this Society,

It was unanimouſly reſolved,

THAT this Meeting do form themſelves into a Society for the promoting of AGRICULTURE, and the Encouragement of INDUSTRY and GOOD BEHAVIOUR of SERVANTS and LABOURERS throughout the County.

THAT

THAT The RIGHT HONORABLE LORD HOWARD, LORD LIEUTENANT OF THE COUNTY, be requeſted to accept the office of PRESIDENT, for the year enſuing.

THAT LEWIS MAJENDIE, Eſq. be requeſted to accept the office of VICE PRESIDENT, for the year enſuing.

THAT the following Gentlemen be appointed a COMMITTEE for the year enſuing.

The COUNTY MEMBERS,

STAINES CHAMBERLAINE, Eſq. SHERIFF,

The RIGHT HON. LORD PETRE,

LEWIS MAJENDIE, Eſq.

The Honorable Mr. PETRE
The Honorable Mr. G. PETRE
Sir PETER PARKER, Bart.
Sir JAMES TILNEY LONG, Bart. M. P.
Sir JOHN HENNIKER, Bart.
F. HONYWOOD, Eſq. M. P.
J. H. STRUTT, Eſq. M. P.
C. A. CRICKITT, Eſq. M. P.

C. C. WESTERN, Eſq. M. P.
M. T. CHISWELL, Eſq. M. P.
WILLIAM SMITH, Eſq. M. P.
RICHARD BENYON, Eſq. M. P.
J. H. MAJOR, Eſq.
SAMUEL BOSANQUET, Eſq.
RICHARD NEAVE, Eſq.
S. EVANS, Eſq.
RICHARD BAKER, Eſq.
The Rev. Mr. SALTER
THOMAS WRIGHT, Eſq.
JOHN BULL, Eſq. *Burſted*
T. NIGHTINGALE, Eſq.
The Rev. W. WALFORD
THOMAS BROGRAVE, Eſq.
BERNARD SCALE, Eſq.
DANIEL SUTTON, Eſq.
JAMES ROUND, Eſq.
The Rev. NICHOLAS CORSELLIS
The Rev. THOMAS BARSTOW
The Rev. Mr. HOWLETT
JOHN CONYERS, Eſq.
M. BURGOYNE, Eſq.
The Rev. J. OLDHAM
The Rev. THOMAS ABDY ABDY
HENRY SPERLING, Eſq.
J. G. SPARROW, Eſq.
The Rev. JOHN THURLOW
JOSEPH SAVILLE, Eſq.

THOMAS NOTTIDGE, Eſq.
JOSEPH NOTTIDGE, Eſq.
D. CAMERON, Eſq
GEORGE SPURRELL, Eſq.
JOB MATTHEW, Eſq.
D. SCRATTON, Eſq.
JEREMIAH KERSTERMAN, Eſq.
THOMAS SUMNER, Eſq.
—— BULL, Eſq. *Oakly*
The Rev. BATE DUDLEY
JAMES WRIGHT, Eſq.
THOMAS KYNASTON, Eſq.
JOHN STRUTT, Eſq.
OSGOOD HANBURY, Eſq.
CHARLES HANBURY, Eſq.
The Rev. CHARLES ONLEY
THOMAS THEOPHILUS COCK, Eſq.
JOHN GRIGGS, Eſq.
The Rev. W. DRIFFIELD
JOHN WOLFE, Sen. Eſq.
JOHN WOLFE, Jun. Eſq.
THOMAS RUGGLES, Eſq.
Mr. FISKE
Mr. A. TAYLOR
Mr. TYLER
Mr. CHARLES FREEMAN
Mr. MASON
Mr. LAKIN
Mr. TWEED

Mr. PARTRIDGE
Mr. MARK LAY, Sen. *Elmſted Hall*
Mr. CARTER, Sen.
Mr. EVE
Mr. FOAKES
Mr. POLLETT
Mr. TOOSEY
Mr. UTTERTON
Mr. —— POLLETT
Mr. COCK
Mr. J. HORNER
Mr. JOHN CARTER
Mr. JOSEPH MYALL
Mr. A. MYALL
Mr. BRETT
Mr. GREENHILL
Mr. WYATT
Mr. BARRINGTON
Mr. COCKERTON
Mr. A. VASSALL
Mr. BANNISTER
Mr. WYATT
Mr. ROBERT NUNN
Mr. A. NUNN
Mr. WOODTHORP
Mr. MARTIN
Mr. CAWSTON
Mr. WALTHAM
Mr. BAWTREE

Mr. SMITH
Mr. LEE
Mr. KING
Mr. JOSIAH SMITH
Mr. JACOB PATTERSON
Mr. WOOD
Mr. WHITE.

THAT the Committee have power to elect any other Members at their diſcretion, and, that Nine conſtitute a Board.

THAT every Member ſubſcribe ONE GUINEA per Annum, to carry on the Buſineſs of this Inſtitution.

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THAT the Subſcriptions to this Society be paid into the hands of the TREASURER, or at the Bank of Meſſrs. CRICKITT and Co. at *Chelmsford*, or *Colcheſter*.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to F. HONYWOOD, Eſq. for introducing ſo beneficial an Inſtitution, as an AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY for the County of Eſſex.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the COUNTY MEMBERS, for their Patronage to this Society.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the RIGHT HONORABLE LORD PETRE, for the Honor he has done them by his attendance, and his ready acquieſcence to ſupport the Object of the Society.

THAT the Thanks of this Meeting be given to JOHN GRIGGS, Eſq. for his Aſſiſtance in the Buſineſs of the Day.

THAT a General Meeting be holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, on the laſt Monday in September in every year, by Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

THAT

THAT the Members of the Committee be written to, and requeſted to undertake the Buſineſs of this Inſtitution for the enſuing year.

(Signed)

PETRE, CHAIRMAN.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL COMMITTEE,

October 25, 1793.

AT a Meeting of the General Committee of this Society, holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, on Friday, the Twenty-fifth of October, 1793,

LEWIS MAJENDIE, Eſq.

VICE PRESIDENT, in the Chair,

It was unanimouſly reſolved,

THAT the Thanks of this Committee be immediately tranſmitted to The RIGHT HONORABLE LORD HOWARD, LORD LIEUTENANT OF THIS COUNTY, for the very polite manner in which His Lordſhip hath accepted the office of PRESIDENT of this Society, for the year enſuing.

THAT

THAT a General Meeting of all the Members of this Society be holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, in *Chelmsford*, on the laſt Monday in September annually, by Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to diſtribute Rewards, examine and adjuſt the Buſineſs, and to ſettle the Accounts of the preceding year.

THAT two Meetings of the General Committee be holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, on the Tueſday in each Eaſter and Michaelmas Seſſions annually, by Ten o'clock in the forenoon; and that ſuch Committee have power to adjourn, from time to time, at diſcretion.

THAT in the abſence of the PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT, a Majority of the Members preſent may appoint a CHAIRMAN for the Day.

THAT the PRESIDENT, or VICE PRESIDENT, ſhall, upon a requiſition in writing, ſigned by twenty-one Members of the Society, within ten days thereof, convene a General Meeting of the Society.

THAT

THAT a Diſtrict Committee be formed in each of the following Diviſions, viz.

COLCHESTER	HALSTED
MALDEN	RUMFORD
ROCHFORD	DUNMOW and
CHELMSFORD	ONGAR

as ſoon as it ſhall appear that there are twelve Members reſident in each of ſuch Diviſions.

THAT the Diviſions ſhall be deemed to comprehend in each, the following Hundreds, viz.

COLCHESTER	THE HUNDREDS OF	TENDRING, LEXDEN, WINSTREE
MALDEN		WITHAM, THURSTABLE, DENGY
ROCHFORD		ROCHFORD, BARSTABLE
CHELMSFORD		CHELMSFORD
HALSTED		HINCKFORD
RUMFORD		BECONTREE, CHAFFORD and the Liberty of HAVERING

DUNMOW

DUNMOW	The Hundreds of	Clavering Dunmow Freshwell Uttlesford
ONGAR		Ongar Waltham Harlow

That each Diſtrict Committee may appoint its own Chairman, and ſuch other Officers as may be deemed neceſſary to the internal regulation thereof.

That the Diſtrict Committees may receive any Subſcriptions, not leſs than Ten Shillings and Sixpence each, which ſhall qualify the Subſcriber thereof, to vote in ſuch Committee.

That Premiums be offered as far as the Abilities of the Society will allow, for promoting Agriculture, and encouraging Industry and Good Behaviour amongſt thoſe, who are therein employed.

That Premiums for the Improvement of Agriculture be adjudged by the General Committee, but thoſe for Indus-

TRY and GOOD BEHAVIOUR, by the Diſtrict Committees.

THAT perſons not belonging to the Society, may be requeſted to aſſiſt the General, or Diſtrict Committees, in the adjudication of Premiums; provided, no one, whether a Member or not, ſhall give his Vote or Opinion on a Subject, in which he is perſonally, or otherwiſe intereſted.

THAT all Premiums be diſtributed by the Society, at the Anniverſary in September.

THAT no perſon ſhall receive a Premium more than once, for the ſame Invention, Crop, Improvement, or Proof of Induſtry, or who has received one, on the ſame account, from any other Society.

THAT all Drafts upon the Treaſurer be ſigned by the Preſident, or Vice Preſident, or Chairman of the day, and two Members.

THAT all Letters be addreſſed to the Treaſurer, until a Secretary is appointed.

THAT

THAT the Society will be ready to receive and communicate any uſeful Information according with the Inſtitution, by correſpondence.

THAT all Subſcribers be underſtood to continue their Subſcriptions for the ſubſequent year, unleſs they give notice to the Secretary, of their intentions to withdraw the ſame, on, or before, the Anniverſary of the Society.

THAT all the Members preſent be earneſtly requeſted to uſe their influence in their ſeveral neighbourhoods, to promote the Views of the Society, by intereſting their Friends to become Members, and to attend the Meetings thereof.

THAT a Sub-Committee, conſiſting of Meſſrs. MAJENDIE, BURGOYNE, COCK, DUDLEY and THURLOW, be appointed to meet at any time moſt convenient to themſelves, to determine on ſuitable Premiums for the enſuing year.

THAT the Thanks of this Committee be given to LEWIS MAJENDIE, Eſq. for

his ready acceptance of the office of VICE PRESIDENT of this Society, for the enſuing year, and for his perſonal attendance on this day. That he be requeſted to favour the Committee with the Heads of his very elegant and well-adapted Speech delivered this day, that the ſame may be appropriated to the Society's uſe.

And LASTLY,

THAT this Committee do adjourn to Monday, the 25th day of November next, when they will meet at the *Shire-Houſe*, in *Chelmsford*, by Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

LEWIS MAJENDIE,

V. P. CHAIRMAN.

PRO-

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL COMMITTEE,

November 25, 1793.

AT a Meeting of the General Committee at the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, this Twenty-fifth day of November, 1793,

LEWIS MAJENDIE, Eſq.

VICE PRESIDENT, in the Chair,

Reſolved,

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Reſolution paſſed the 25th day of October laſt, "That the Diſtrict "Committees may receive any Subſcrip- "tions, not leſs than Ten Shillings and "Sixpence each, which ſhall qualify the

"Subſcriber thereof to vote in ſuch Com-
"mittee," includes alſo the Members re-
ſident in ſuch Diſtricts, who are annual
Subſcribers of One Guinea.

At this Meeting, the Sub-Committee, to whom the conſideration of ſuitable PREMIUMS was referred, having made their Report in writing,

It was further reſolved,

THAT the following PREMIUMS, to be adjudged by the General Committee of the Society, be offered for the preſent year: —

To the Perſon who ſhall exhibit to the General Committee of this Society, at the Meeting next before the Anniverſary in 1794, the beſt CART STALLION COLT of Three Years old, bred and reared on a Farm in his own occupation,

The Silver Medal, or 5 Guineas.

To the Perſon who ſhall exhibit to the General Committee of this Society, at the Meeting next before the Anniverſary in

1794,

1794, the beſt BULL of Two Years old, bred and reared on a Farm in his own occupation,

The Silver Medal, or 3 Guineas.

To the Perſon who ſhall exhibit to the General Committee of this Society, at the Meeting next before the Anniverſary in 1794, the beſt RAM, not leſs than Two Years old, bred and reared on a Farm in his own occupation,

The Silver Medal, or 3 Guineas.

To the Perſon who ſhall exhibit to the General Committee of this Society, at the Meeting next before the Anniverſary in 1794, the beſt BOAR, not leſs than One Year old, bred and reared on a Farm in his own occupation,

The Silver Medal, or 3 Guineas.

THAT the following PREMIUMS, to be adjudged by the ſeveral Diſtrict Committees be offered for the preſent year:—

To

To the COTTAGER, being a Day Labourer in Huſbandry, who ſhall have brought up the greateſt number of legitimate Children, not leſs than Four, to the age of Twelve Years, with the leaſt Parochial Aſſiſtance,

Three Guineas.

The Claim to be made to the Diſtrict Committee, on, or before, the 1ſt of September, 1794.

To the DAY LABOURER in Huſbandry, who in his Garden ſhall raiſe the greateſt quantity of POTATOES, in proportion to the quantity of his Land, not exceeding Two Roods, nor leſs than Four Rods,

Two Guineas.

The Claim to be made to the Diſtrict Committee, on, or before, the 1ſt of September, 1794.

To the MALE SERVANT in Huſbandry, who ſhall have been employed the longeſt Time in one Service with the beſt Character,

Two Guineas.

The

The Claim to be made to the Diſtrict Committee, on, or before, the 1ſt of September, 1794.

To the FEMALE SERVANT in Huſbandry, who ſhall have been employed the longeſt Time in one Service, with the beſt Character,

Two Guineas.

The Claim to be made to the Diſtrict Committee, on, or before, the 1ſt of September, 1794.

To the beſt PLOUGHMAN,

Two Guineas.

The Conditions, and Time of Trial, to be left to the reſpective Diſtrict Committees, and a Report thereof made by them to the General Committee, before the Anniverſary, 1794.

To the LAD under Fifteen Years of age, who ploughs beſt,

One Guinea.

The

The Conditions, and Time of Trial, to be left to the reſpective Diſtrict Committees, and a Report to be made by them to the General Committee, before the Anniverſary, 1794.

THAT the Diſtrict Premiums ſhall conſiſt of Money, Cloaths, Implements of Huſbandry, or otherwiſe, at the diſcretion of the reſpective Diſtrict Committees.

THAT the Proceedings of this Society be immediately printed, under the Inſpection of the Vice Preſident, together with his Speech delivered to this Committee, on the 25th of October laſt.

THAT the Vice Preſident be requeſted to conſider of, and to order a Drawing to be prepared, with ſuitable Inſcriptions thereon, in order to form a Die for the Honorary Medal of the Society, and to ſubmit the ſame, with the Expence of executing the Die, to the next Meeting of this Committee.

THAT Mr. JOHN GOULDING, of *Chelmsford*, be appointed SECRETARY to this Society, for the enſuing year.

THAT

THAT this Committee be adjourned to the Tueſday in the Epiphany Seſſions, and meet in the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, by Ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

LEWIS MAJENDIE,

V. P. CHAIRMAN.

THE

SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

The VICE PRESIDENT,

TO THE

GENERAL COMMITTEE,

At their Firſt Meeting, *October* 25, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

AS it has been deemed neceſſary by a numerous, and highly reſpectable Meeting of Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Yeomanry, and Farmers of this County, [a] that a Society ſhould be inſtituted throughout the ſame, for the purpoſe of promoting Agriculture, and for the Encouragement of Induſtry and Good Behaviour in Servants and Labourers

[a] Holden at the *Shire-Houſe*, at *Chelmsford*, (in purſuance of public Advertiſements) on the 30th of *Sept.* 1793.

bourers in Huſbandry; and as the General Committee of the Society is now, for the firſt time, aſſembled, it ſhould ſeem neceſſary for me, whom it has been thought fit to honor with the office of Vice Preſident, to ſay a few words upon the general Subject of the Inſtitution, and the Tendency of our future Purſuits.

It will, however, hardly be expected, that I ſhould enter into any detail of the great National Advantages reſulting from the Science we are met to promote, ſince I am ſure every one preſent is at uniſon with myſelf in this point, that AGRICULTURE is the very Baſis of National Proſperity.

But, in thus, and for this obvious reaſon declining all eulogium on the favorite Object of our attention and purſuits, there are ſtill a variety of points, which, as likely to be attained by means of a PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, are proper Subjects of diſcuſſion in this Committee; on ſome of theſe, therefore, I ſhall beg leave for a few minutes to treſpaſs on your patience.

And, in the firſt place, it gives me great pleaſure, to think, that a very important Object in all Agricultural Practice, ſeems likely, in the very outſet of the Society, to be completely eſtabliſhed; I mean the moſt entire confidence between the Landlord and Tenant. When I inſpect the Liſt which forms your Committee, I obſerve the moſt opulent and reſpectable Proprietors of this County, and the moſt induſtrious and practical Yeomanry and Tenantry united, without Prejudice or Suſpicion of each other, for the great purpoſe of improving and extending the Science which connects them together. This mutual confidence muſt neceſſarily increaſe with the future progreſs of the Society, and cannot fail producing the moſt beneficial effects.

It is, I believe, generally admitted, that in the Practice of Agriculture, the County of Eſſex occupies no inconſiderable rank in the Scale of Merit; yet, it will not be denied, that, in a Science ſo infinite in Variety, Improvements even of the higher Orders, are much wanted amongſt us; for,

for, though we may claim a very decided ſuperiority over moſt Counties in the operative Proceſſes of Huſbandry, for inſtance, in the uſeful Art of Underdraining, and others; ſtill, I conceive, that in the article of Live Stock, we are yet far behind. Whether this ariſes from the greater quantity of Arable Land, and the fewer Waſtes comparatively found in this County, I ſhall not attempt to determine; but, at all events, an Improvement in the Breed of Horſes, Cattle, and Sheep, ſeems ſo neceſſary, and muſt draw ſo many Advantages after it, that, I doubt not, it will become a principal, and early Object of Attention in the Society.

The Foundation of all Improvement is Experiment; this, however, in our Science, is a dangerous field, and to be trodden with the moſt extreme caution; it is, therefore, more properly in the hands of Owners, than of Tenantry; and this leads me to ſay a few words upon the Advantage attending the Occupancy of Land by ſuch Owners, as from Taſte, and a decided preference of a Country Life, are led to the

the purſuit of Agriculture. From ſuch Perſons much good is to be derived. THEY bear the riſque of early Experiments, which they continue, until repeated Trials, and conſequent Conviction, lead them to the general Practice of the Farmer. As Landlord, the reſident PRACTICAL Country Gentleman ſtands conſpicuous; for, from a ſimilarity of Purſuits with his Tenantry, he is led to conſider and feel for them, as for his Children, whoſe Advantages and Succeſs in future Life, reflect an honor on himſelf. HE knows, by Experience, the Hazards of the Art, and the various Difficulties his Tenant has to encounter; this leads him to act upon all occaſions with Candour; and upon ſome, with Liberality. Under a Perſon of this deſcription, the unfortunate, but honeſt Tenant has little to fear.

I need hardly enlarge on other Advantages attending this Occupancy, ſuch as the great exertions generally made by Gentlemen in the Improvement of their Farms; under which, the labouring Poor receive continued Employment, the eſ-

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ſential Good reſulting to a Neighbourhood from an almoſt conſtant reſidence on the Spot, which is ſo indiſpenſible to the Purſuit itſelf. The good Example attending ſuch reſidence, with many others not neceſſary to be mentioned.

One of the firſt Objects of Attention in the Society, is the Encouragement of Induſtry and Good Behaviour in our Agricultural Servants and Labourers; this is, indeed, a Point of the firſt magnitude and conſequence. What can be more incumbent on us, than to endeavour to meliorate the ſituations of that uſeful Claſs of Men, who ſo eſſentially aſſiſt us in clothing our Fields with plentiful Increaſe? What Duty can be more pleaſing to the well-thinking Farmer, than that of encouraging Morality and Emulation in his Servants and Labourers? May this excellent Intention of the Society be completely realized!

I believe I may with truth congratulate the Society, upon a Circumſtance which is likely to conduce greatly to its future Progreſs

Progreſs and Welfare — that it is utterly detatched from, and independent of, all Party whatſoever — that it has but one View, but one Point of Concentration — THE GOOD OF THE SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE, in promoting which, all differences of Opinion, whether Religious or Political, can have no poſſible reference.

I ought to apologize for having thus long detained the Committee, but, before I conclude, I muſt beg leave to offer a few words upon the Subject of the Honor conferred on me, by appointing me to the office of Vice Preſident. I fear, and I have already ſo expreſſed myſelf to the Noble LORD, from whom I received the Nomination, [b] that my abilities are unequal to the Taſk, and my Practice in the Science itſelf too circumſcribed, to enable me to ſerve the Society with that activity and effect I could wiſh, and which they are entitled to receive from their Officers. Still, however, I can never be inſenſible of

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b The RIGHT HONORABLE LORD PETRE, who was Chairman of the Meeting, of the 30th of *Sept.*

of the Honor, much leſs of the flattering Mode in which it was conferred upon me; nor can I be indifferent to the Welfare and Improvement of a Science ſo beneficial to the Public, and ſo congenial with my Inclinations and Practice. I ſhall, therefore, cheerfully obey the Commands of the Society, and, unleſs the ſtate of my Health prevents it, ſhall attend to its Succeſs and Intereſt, with all the Zeal and Ability in my Power.

OFFICERS

OF THE

SOCIETY.

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GENERAL

GENERAL MEETINGS

OF THE

SOCIETY,

FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

TUESDAY in the Week of the Eaſter Quarter Seſſions, namely, *April* 29, 1794.

The Laſt MONDAY in *September*, being the Anniverſary of the Society, 1794.

TUESDAY in the Week of the Michaelmas Quarter Seſſions, namely, *October* 7, 1794.

LIST
OF
CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

The RIGHT HON. LORD HOWARD, K. B.
LORD LIEUTENANT OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
PRESIDENT.

The MOST NOBLE
The MARQUIS OF BUCKINGHAM, K. G.

The RIGHT HON. LORD PETRE.

A

	£.	S.	D.
AMBROSE John, *Coptford*, ------	1	1	0
Ames William, Jun. *Sible Hedingham*, --	0	10	6
Abfolon Charles, *Colcheſter*, ---------	0	10	6

B

Buckingham, The moſt Noble the Marquis of, K. G. *GosfieldHall*, ------	1	1	0
Bullock John, Eſq. M. P. *Falkborne Hall*,	1	1	0

Bramſtone

	£.	S.	D.
Bramſtone T. B. Eſq. M. P. *Shreens*, - -	1	1	0
Benyon Richard, Eſq. M. P. *Gidea Hall*, -	1	1	0
Burgoyne Montague, Eſq. *Mark's Hall*, -	1	1	0
Brograve Thomas, Eſq. *Springfield*, - - - -	1	1	0
Boſanquet Samuel, Eſq. *Foreſt Houſe, Layton*,	1	1	0
Buxton Thomas Fowell, Eſq. *Earl's Colne*,	1	1	0
Bull John, Eſq. *Burſted*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Baker John, Eſq. *Oates*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Bull Ralph, Eſq. *Oakly Hall*, - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Bullock William, Eſq. *Little Burſted*, - -	1	1	0
Batt John Thomas, Eſq. *Newhall, Harlow*,	1	1	0
Budworth Rev. Richard, *High Laver*, - - -	1	1	0
Barſtow Rev. Thomas, *Mark's Tey*, - - - -	1	1	0
Brown George, *Sible Hedingham*, - - - - - -	0	10	6
Brown James, *Colne Engaine*, - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Bird Thomas, *Ridgwell*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Blythe William, *Kirby*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Buxton Joſeph, *Layer-de-la-Hay*, - - - - -	1	1	0
Beckwith H. *Pagleſham*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Banniſter Francis, *South Church*, - - - - - -	1	1	0
Bridge William, *Hutton*, - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0
Barnes William, *Little Warley*, - - - - - - -	1	1	0

C

Chamberlaine Staines, Eſq. High Sheriff for the County of Eſſex, *Hatfield Broad-Oak*, - - - - - - - - - - - -	1	1	0

Crickitt

	£.	S.	D.
Crickitt C. A. Eſq. M. P. *Smith's Hall, Blackmore*,	1	1	0
Chiſwell M. T. Eſq. M. P. *Dibden Hall*,	1	1	0
Cock T. Theophilus, Eſq. *Meſſing*,	1	1	0
Cameron Donald, Eſq. *Ilford*,	1	1	0
Conyers John, Eſq. *Coppedhall*,	1	1	0
Carwardine Rev. Thomas, *Colne Priory*,	1	1	0
Corſellis Rev. Nicholas, *Wivenhoe*,	1	1	0
Cheveley R. D. *Meſſing*,	1	1	0
Colcheſter C. *Great Holland*,	1	1	0
Clarke Robert, *Totham*,	1	1	0
Carter W. B. *Ditto*,	1	1	0
Carter Alexander, *Colcheſter*,	1	1	0
Carter John, *Goldhanger*,	1	1	0
Cooke Samuel, *Sible Hedingham*,	1	1	0
Crump John, *Halſted*,	0	10	6
Chaplin John, Jun. *Ridgwell*,	0	10	6
Cawſton Richard, *Munden Hall*,	1	1	0
Cockerton William, *Sutton Hall*,	1	1	0

D

Dudley Rev. Henry Bate, *Bradwell Lodge*,	1	1	0
Driffield Rev. W. W. *Feering*,	1	1	0
Du Cane Rev. Henry, *Coggeſhall*,	1	1	0
Darby Rev. Thomas, *Shelley*,	1	1	0

E

	£.	S.	D.
Evans S. Eſq. *Shelley*,	1	1	0
Edwards Peter, Eſq. *Halſted*,	1	1	0
Eve Richard,	1	1	0
Eglington Captain, *Ingateſtone*,	1	1	0
Eaſton Richard, *Great Yeldham*,	1	1	0
Eley William, *Sible Hedingham*,	1	1	0
Eve William,	1	1	0
Emberſon John, *Hutton*,	1	1	0

F

Foaks Benjamin, *Dunmow*,	1	1	0
Freeborn John, *Great Maplẽſted*,	1	1	0
Firmin Edward, *Tilbury*,	0	10	6
Freeman Charles, *Heron Gate*,	1	1	0

G

Griggs Golding, Eſq. *Hill Houſe*,	1	1	0
Griggs John, Eſq. *Ditto*,	1	1	0
Gepp Edward, Eſq. *Chelmsford*,	1	1	0

H

Howard Rt. Honorable Lord, *Audley End*,	1	1	0
Henniker Sir John, Bart. *Newton Hall*,	1	1	0

	£.	S.	D.
Honywood Filmer, Eſq. M. P. *Mark's Hall*,	1	1	0
Hanbury Oſgood, Eſq. *Oldfield Grange*, -	1	1	0
Hanbury Charles, Eſq. *Halſted*, ------	1	1	0
Hanbury Sampſon, Eſq. *Coggeſhall*, ----	1	1	0
Hills William, Eſq. *Porter's Hall*, -----	1	1	0
Henſhaw John, Eſq. *Moore Hall, Harlow*,	1	1	0
Hollis Brand, Eſq. *The Hide, Ingateſtone*,	1	1	0
Havens Philip, Eſq. *Colcheſter*, ------	1	1	0
Heath William, Eſq. *Stanſted Hall*, ----	1	1	0
Herringham Rev. William, ---------	1	1	0
Hardinge Rev. William, *Halſted*, -----	1	1	0
Howlett Rev. J. *Dunmow*, ---------	1	1	0
Hawkins Rev. John, *Halſted*, -------	1	1	0
Horner John, *Hempſted*, ----------	1	1	0
Hardy James, *Great Yeldham*, -------	1	1	0
Houghton James, *Halſted*, ---------	1	1	0
Harvey Edward, *Bower Hall, Weſt Merſea*,	1	1	0
Harvey Thomas, *Eaſt Merſea*, -------	1	1	0
Harridge David, *Stambridge*, --------	1	1	0

J

Judd John, Eſq. *Chelmsford*, --------	1	1	0
Jeſſop John, Eſq. *Waltham*, --------	1	1	0
Judge John, *Widford*, ----------	1	1	0
Johnſon Oliver, *Earl's Colne*, -------	1	1	0
Jennings Thomas, *Sible Hedingham*, ----	0	10	6

Kynaſton

K

	£.	S..	D.
Kynaſton Thomas, Eſq. *Witham*, -----	1	1	0
Kerſterman Jeremiah, Eſq. *Prittlewell*, --	1	1	0
King F. *Little Braxted*, ----------	1	1	0
Kemp John, *Sible Hedingham*, -------	0	10	6
King Iſaac, *Caſtle Hedingham*, -------	1	1	0
Keys Thomas, *Affingdon*, ----------	1	1	0

L

Long Sir James Tilney, Bart. M. P. ---	1	1	0
Leapingwell John, Eſq. *Chelmsford*, ---	1	1	0
Lennard Thomas Barrett, Eſq. *Upminſter*, -	1	1	0
Leightenhouſe Samuel, Eſq. *Ormond Houſe*,	1	1	0
Lee Thomas, Eſq. ----------	1	1	0
Lee Thomas, *Tolleſbury*, ----------	1	1	0
Lakin William, *Biſhop's Hall, Chelmsford*,	1	1	0
Longmore Rev. Alexander, *Baddow*, ---	1	1	0

M

Majendie Lewis, Eſq. V. P. *Hedingham Caſtle*,	1	1	0
Major J. Henniker, Eſq. *Eaſtham*, ----	1	1	0
Matthew Job, Eſq. *Woodford*, -------	1	1	0
Morley John, Eſq. *Blue Bridge, Halſted*, -	1	1	0
Morley Arlington, Eſq. *Ditto*, -------	1	1	0
Martham John, ----------	1	1	0
Meniſh Dr. *Chelmsford*, ----------	1	1	0

	£.	S.	D.
Maſon ——,	1	1	0
Myall Barker, *Caſtle Hedingham*,	1	1	0
Myall Ambroſe, *Ditto*,	1	1	0
Mayhew John, *Colne Engaine*,	1	1	0
March Iſaac, *Toppesfield*,	1	1	0
May John, *Halſted*,	1	1	0
May John, *Malden*,	1	1	0
Martin William, *Orſett*,	1	1	0

N

Neave Richard, Eſq. *Dagenham Park*,	1	1	0
Nottidge Thomas, Eſq. *Bocking*,	1	1	0
Nottidge Joſias, Eſq. *Ditto*,	1	1	0
Nottidge Rev. John, *Eaſt Haningfield*,	1	1	0
Nugent Rev. George, *Meſſing*,	1	1	0
Nunn Robert, *Lawford*,	1	1	0

O

Olmius The Honorable John, *New Hall*,	1	1	0
Oldham Rev. John, *Standon*,	1	1	0
Onley Rev. Charles, *Stiſted Hall*,	1	1	0

P

Petre The Rt. Hon. Lord, *Thorndon Hall*,	1	1	0
Petre The Honorable Mr.	1	1	0
Petre The Honorable George,	1	1	0
Parker Sir Peter, Bart.	1	1	0

	£.	S.	D.
Parker J. O. Eſq. *Chelmsford*,	1	1	0
Palmer William, Eſq. *Naſing*,	1	1	0
Porter Charles, Eſq. *Broomfield*,	1	1	0
Pattiſſon Jacob, Eſq. *Witham*,	1	1	0
Pattiſſon Joſeph, *Malden*,	1	1	0
Pattiſſon Joſeph, Jun. *Thorp Hall, S. Church*,	1	1	0
Pattiſſon Jacob, *Coggeſhall*,	1	1	0
Pattiſſon H. *St. Lawrence*,	1	1	0
Phillips Rev. Charles, *Langford*,	1	1	0
Partridge Thomas, *Springfield*,	1	1	0
Polley Ralph, *Bocking*,	1	1	0
Pudney John, *Pebmarſh*,	1	1	0
Pudney James, *Earl's Colne*,	0	10	6
Prentice Golden, *Pagleſham*,	1	1	0
Pollett Robert, *North Weald*,	1	1	0
Patrick John, *Mark's Tey*,	1	1	0

R

Reynolds William, Eſq. *Broomfield*,	1	1	0
Round James, Eſq. *Birch Hall*,	1	1	0
Ruggles Thomas, Eſq. *Spain's Hall*,	1	1	0
Raynsford Robert, Eſq. *Birchhanger*,	1	1	0
Rebow Mrs. *The Park, Wivenhoe*,	1	1	0
Roberts Rev. Thomas, *Chelmsford*,	1	1	0
Ray Robert, *Woodham Mortimer*,	1	1	0
Richardſon Thomas, *Ingrave*,	1	1	0

S

	£.	S.	D.
Smith William, Eſq. M. P. *Parndon Hall*,	1	1	0
Strutt John Holden, Eſq. M. P. *Stock*, -	1	1	0
Strutt John, Eſq. *Terling Place*, ------	1	1	0
Sidney C. W. Eſq. *Margaretting*, -----	1	1	0
Sparrow James, Eſq. *Goſfield*, -------	1	1	0
Scalè Bernard, Eſq. *Baddow*, -------	1	1	0
Sutton Daniel, Eſq. *Ingateſtone*, ------	1	1	0
Saville Joſeph, Eſq. *Bocking*, -------	1	1	0
Sperling Henry, Eſq. *Dynes Hall*, ----	1	1	0
Scratton Daniel, Eſq. *Prittlewell*, -----	1	1	0
Sumner Thomas, Eſq. *South Church*, ---	1	1	0
Stavers Richard, Eſq. *Thunderſley*, ----	1	1	0
Salter Rev. P. *Shenfield*, ----------	1	1	0
Salter J. J. Eſq. *Ditto*, ----------	1	1	0
Scalè Rev. B. *Baddow*, ----------	1	1	0
Smith Joſiah, *Wickham Biſhop's*, ------	1	1	0
Smith Peter, *Hornchurch*, ----------	1	1	0
Smith William, ----------	1	1	0
Spurrell George, Eſq. *Barking*, ------	1	1	0
Sewell John, *Halſted*, ----------	1	1	0
Storer John, *Ditto*, ----------	1	1	0
Simpſon Ralph, *Wickham, St. Paul's*, --	1	1	0
Sibley Samuel, *Goſfield*, ----------	0	10	6
Shepherd Thomas, *Tilbury*, ---------	0	10	6
Spurden John, *Weſt Merſea*, ---------	0	10	6

Speed

	£.	S.	D.
Speed Thomas, *Harlow*,	1	1	0
Skinner John, *Great Bromley*,	1	1	0
Steel Iſaac, *Hutton*,	1	1	0
Staines John, *Rumford*,	1	1	0

T

Tindall Robert, Eſq. *Chelmsford*,	1	1	0
Thurlow Rev. John, *Goſfield*,	1	1	0
Taylor Mrs. A. *Standon*,	1	1	0
Tyler John, *Rumford*,	1	1	0
Totman John, *Bromley*,	1	1	0
Totman William, *Feering*,	1	1	0
Toovey William, *Harlow*,	1	1	0
Tweed T. L. *Sandon*,	1	1	0
Thurſton Joſhua, *Halſted*,	0	10	6
Thompſon Thomas, *Frating*,	1	1	0
Tracey Thomas, *Layer-de-la-Hay*,	1	1	0
Tarling Hugh, *Harlow*,	1	1	0

U

Unwin Jordan, *Coggeſhall*,	1	1	0

V

Vaſſall Aſſer, *Eaſtwood*,	1	1	0
Vaizey John, *Halſted*,	0	10	6

W

	£.	S.	D.
Weſtern C. Callis, Eſq. M. P. *Felix Hall*,	1	1	0
Wright James, Eſq. *Woodham Mortimer*, .	1	1	0
Wolfe John, Eſq. *Saffron Walden*, ...	1	1	0
Wolfe Thomas, Eſq. *Ditto*, ...	1	1	0
Wiſe Edward, Eſq. *Harlow*, ...	1	1	0
Wright John, Eſq. *Hatfield Priory*, ...	1	1	0
Walker Edward, Eſq. *Overhall, Geſtingthorp*,	1	1	0
Waller Rev. James, D. D. *Waltham*, . . .	1	1	0
Walford Rev. William, *Boreham*, ...	1	1	0
Wallace Rev. Job, *Braxted*, ...	1	1	0
Woodgate Robert, ...	1	1	0
Wilkin John, Jun. *Tolleſhunt Knight's*, . .	1	1	0
Wyatt John, *Malden*, ...	1	1	0
Wyatt George, ...	1	1	0
White Richard, *Coggeſhall*, ...	1	1	0
Weſtbrooke, Mrs. *Kelvedon Hatch*, ...	1	1	0
Wood Charles, *Heybridge*, ...	1	1	0
Wilſon John, *Kirby*, ...	1	1	0
Wayland George, *Fingringhoe*, ...	1	1	0

FINIS.